FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION Washington, DC 20554

In the Matter of 2002 Biennial Regulatory Review - Review of the Commission's Broadcast Ownership Rules and Other Rules Adopted Pursuant to Section 202 of the Telecommunications Act of 1996, Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, MM Docket No. 02-277, (rel. Sept. 23, 2002)

To: The Secretary, FCC Commissioners, and Chief, Media Bureau:

I am writing to you today to reply to the public comments on Docket No. 02-277, The Biennial Review of the FCC's

broadcast media ownership rules. To promote competition, diversity and local content, the FCC should retain the current media ownership rules and impose stricter public interest requirements.

By allowing our media outlets to merge print and broadcast facilities, a greater restriction on the breadth of news and information available to citizens to act in the public interest will result. The public interest will best be served by preserving media ownership rules in question in this proceeding.

In addition, I strongly encourage the Commission to hold hearings in all parts of the country and solicit the widest possible participation from the public which will be the most directly affected by the outcomes of these decisions. America's airwaves belong to the American people! The FCC

is just a steward of the airwaves and must serve the public interest above the business concerns of a handful of large media conglomerates. Nothing less than the First Amendment rights and our American democracy are at stake in this debate!

Sincerely, Kevin M. Berryman